and state the present stage of trial and the condition, place and situation in which the young boys are put up in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): The two Myanmar students have been undergoing trial in the Court of SDJM Barrackpore, Wesh Bengal. They were released on bail on February 12, 1991 by the Court. Bail was granted on the condition that they would not leave India without prior permission of the Court. They have been staying with a friond in Calcutta, and have also visited Delhi since their release on bail.

Indo-Pak Relations

1398. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Pakistan is assisting terrorist activities in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up the matter with the Pakistan Government; and

(c) Keeping in view the spurt in separatist activities whether Government propose to discontinue its diplomatic relations with Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have conveyed to Pakistan on several occasions that its support to terrorism and subversion is a violation of the Simla Agreement and universally accepted norms of inter-State conduct, and is unacceptable.

(c) while no such proposal is under consideration, Government hope that Pakistan will realise the shortsightedness of its policies, abandon its negatve approach and, instead, join India in working for normalisation of relations between the two countries.

Independence day in Kashmir and Punjab

1399. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 114 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th August, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in large parts of Kashmir and Punjab, Independence Day was observed as black day; and

(b) if so, what precautionary steps were taken by Government against such secessionist activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Independence day was duly observed in Kashmir and punjab. However, in some isolated places near Srinagar in Kashmir, some terrorists held armed parades and hoisted pakistani Flags on 14th August which were promptly removed by Security Forces. In Punjab, the call for two day bandh on 14th and 15th August, was given by a section of the people which evoked poor to partial response in various parts of the State.

Security Forces were alert to tackle any untoward incident.

महाराष्ट्र में डाकघरों, तारघरों और टेलीफोन केंद्रों का खोला जाना

1400. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 1991–92 वर्ष के दौरान महाराष्ट्र में जिला-वार कितने-कितने डाकघर, तारघर और टेलीफोन केंद्र खोले जाने का विचार है;